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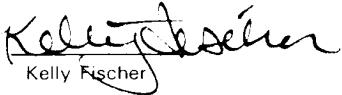
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment for filing in connection with the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee, including any submitted herewith that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers, or with this application during its entire pendency to or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the drawings according to the attached figures, on which the amendments are indicated in red ink. Specifically, in Figure 3, please add the label "70" as indicated on the hand-annotated page. In Figure 6, please place the negative sign inside of the parentheses as indicated on the hand-annotated page. In Figure 7, please replace the second occurrence of "104" with -100- as indicated on the hand-annotated page. In Figure 17, please place the label "175" near the tallest peak as indicated on the hand-annotated page. In Figure 25, please place the label "255" near the leftmost peak as indicated on the hand-annotated page.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked-up copy of the

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, lines 1-3, with the following paragraph:

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